



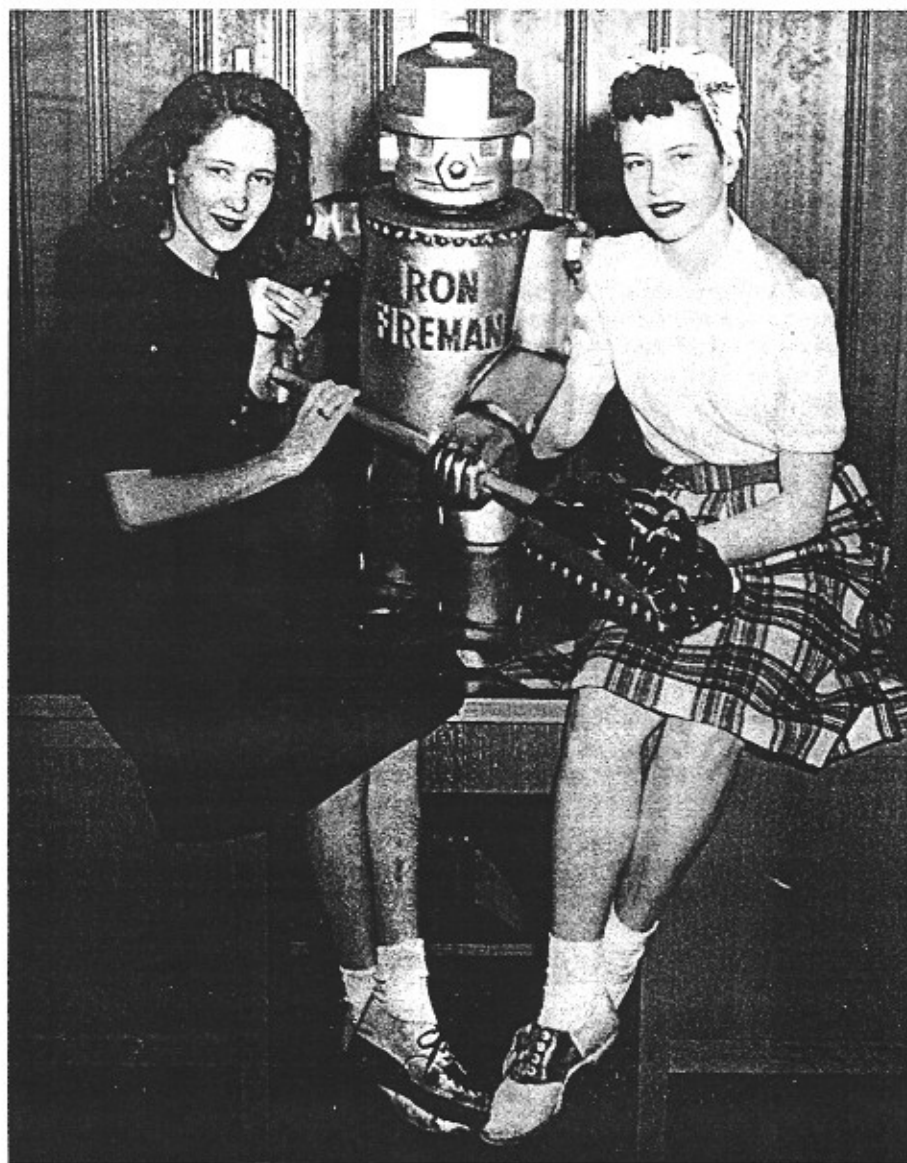
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NEW ARRIVALS MEET IRON MAN

The Iron Man (paper) has been welcoming so many newcomers to our group that the Ironman (himself) figured it was time to do some welcoming on his own and see to it the newcomers were properly welcomed and made acquainted with our robot. For-

tunately our photographer just happened by in time to finish the introductions with Myrtle Armstrong on the left and Barbara Fieger on the right. Myrtle has been in the Assembly room since her arrival April 7. (Continued on Page 8)

"LET'S GO PLACES"

By WAYNE STRONG

Upon returning from the Annual Sales Convention in Cleveland, the writer was trapped in one of his more confused moments and informed by the editor that space had been reserved in this issue for an article on the convention. Since Al Judson and I were the only eye witnesses to the convention available at the time, I can assume that Al saw him first. At least I was stuck.

Now that I try to recollect the whole thing, it reminds me of the old "detective game" where the participants enter a room and later try to describe the objects they have seen. (Try it sometime; you'll be surprised, too.) The convention was, to me, extremely interesting and impressive. Each hour of each day ran with clocklike precision and was packed full of presentations and talks that reflected weeks and months of preparation. All general meetings were held in the grand ballroom of the Statler Hotel.

The opening gong sounded promptly at 10 A. M. Monday, March 31st, and was attended by more than 1100 representatives. Cy Burg, acting as MC, made various presentations and introduced the speakers. Monday and Tuesday were devoted entirely to the presentation of new products, sales ideas, advertising, engineering talks, etc. The highlight was, of course, the presentation of the new lines of Industrial Oil Burners, new and larger Pneumatic Spreader Stokers, and gas-fired equipment. The outstanding features of each product were ably presented by Ernie Webb, and the entire dealer organization was enthusiastic in their reception of the new equipment.

A very interesting display of equipment was set up at the hotel for inspection Monday and Tuesday. This equipment was moved to the factory where a complete display, together with a plant visitation, was arranged for Wednesday. The dealer organization was much impressed and the exhibit proved to be extremely popular. (Continued on Page 3)

HOWDY, NEIGHBOR

An Editorial by DON ALLEN

Take a look at your neighbor, foreman or boss. He isn't such a bad guy. He probably makes a mistake once in a while, but instead of jumping all over him, help him out. You will probably make one yourself sometime. Be tolerant; don't pick everybody to pieces. They all have their faults. You know, you aren't human until you've made a few thousand mistakes. If you do make a mistake, admit it; don't try to pass the buck. All the things we have in this country are a combination of the ideas of all the people. One person may be able to do something well, but a group of people and a group of ideas will come much nearer perfection.



Don Allen

I learned team work the hard way in prison camp. You'd be surprised what can be done with practically nothing and a little cooperation. Much more can be accomplished, and things will go much more smoothly. Rather than always bickering and laying the blame on the other fellow, try giving him a pat on the back if he does a particularly good job on something. It does wonders for morale and all around good feeling, and soon you'll find he will be doing his best on everything instead of doing just enough to get by.

The whole world needs cooperation and understanding of the other fellow's problems and the best place to start is at home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So-called "Old Maid's Corner"
Shipping Department
Iron Fireman Co.

Dear Editor of Iron Man:

Pertaining to the March issue of the Iron Man I'd like to say that I read pages 1, 2, 3, also 4, 5 and 6 with interest, but when I came to page 7, I was stumped. I was pleased and honored to find my name mentioned but to my amazement I noticed it placed in the "Old Maid's Corner." This I considered and reconsidered, coming to the conclusion that maybe you could have been misinformed about some of us not being "Old Maids" but for the life of me there's one thing I can't figure out: and that is how can some of your fellow men be considered as such without putting up some complaint, or have you got them under a big strong thumb? huh?

Of course you'll know I'm new here, so maybe you'll have a little patience with my uneasy mind and put me straight. Maybe, huh? I'll look for an answer in the next issue; I hope not in vain.

Sincerely,

"A Basement Termite"
As we're sometimes called.

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Dear "Basement Termite":

Unless you have held the position of Editor on some little paper, you will be unable to thoroughly understand the very deep pleasure your letter gave me. I have only been the editor for one year and already I receive one fan letter. Not only do you say you read pages 1 to 6 inclusive, which I find very

encouraging, but joy of joys, you say you read them with interest.

Now to take a big load off your mind so you can sleep nights. The heading "Old Maid's Corner" was adopted over a year ago as the title for the gossip, personals, etc. from the Heating Control Division—the comparable section to "Strictly Personal" for Plant 1. Unfortunately we haven't received much copy of that nature the last month or two except the list of new employees.

At the present moment we are considering quite a change in the staff setup of the paper. If we can find the right personnel and straighten out a few other details, it is planned to give Heating Control complete control and responsibility of its proportionate part of the paper. At this time some additions will be necessary to the staff and some changes in the copy setup will be in order. If you have any suggestions or would be willing to help on the paper, contact one of your plant reporters.

Most cordially yours,
Bert Miller.

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March 25, 1947

Mr. B. Miller, Editor, Iron Man:
Sir:

Its getting around to that time of year when all you guys and gals long to go to the mountains or beaches for a week end or your vacation.

I just want to remind you that as an employee I believe I can serve you best. My



Ex G. I. about to undertake the major battle needs a battle ground. A house is wanted. No apartments need apply. See Tom Cleland, Assembly, Plant 1.

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Wanted—Old folding Day Bed, most any condition. Cheap for cash. See Bill Hupp, Tool Grinding.

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Real Buy—Piston type air compressor. Like new condition. See Otto Jorek, swing shift, Plant 1.

rates are as reasonable as you will find on the coast. My cabins are roomy and clean, and will accommodate two couples with no extra cost. Cabins equipped with showers, toilets. My boats are new and you will be furnished seat cushions which serve as life preservers. Johnson Sea Horse motors. This summer I will have added a new dock and kiddies playground with chutes, swings, etc.

Within a mile and a half we have a dance hall, roller skating rink and two modern restaurants, stores, garages, etc. In minutes you can be at the ocean or the c beds. We also have a beautiful nine-hole golf course at Neskowin, a short seven miles from my cabins. The ocean fishing here in the late spring and summer is tops, with salmon, halibut, etc. being taken from the cape rocks. I've seen halibut caught up to 65 pounds. Big enough to give Mr. Tanna nightmares for a week. Trout season opens June 15 and from all indications the river is full of cut-throat trout.

Until June you will have no trouble getting reservations. However after June you had better give me at least a week's notice, stating cabins, boats, motors, bedding, etc.

Hoping to serve a lot of you folks at Iron Fireman this year, I remain, Yours truly,

Guy Burns

Burns Cabins, Box 78, Cloverdale, Oregon

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When two egotists meet, it is a case of an I for an I.

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She: "Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

He: "Don't believe they ever did."

She: "Then where'd you get the idea?"

STAIRWAY TIP

Here's an antidote for stairway accidents in your home. Just paint the top and bottom steps of your basement stairs a bright white. Also teach your family not to leave waste baskets, brooms, buckets, or dirty laundry on basement steps. The stairways in your home are as safe as you make them.

"LET'S GO PLACES"

(Continued from Page 1)

as much of the equipment was under fire and could be seen in actual operation.

Thursday, April 3, was reserved for a series of meetings on engineering, sales, advertising, etc. These meetings were well attended and well conducted.

From the standpoint of entertainment, the "social" hour and the banquet following, held Tuesday evening, were by all odds the high spot and Cy really did it right. Following the dinner (which I don't seem to remember too much about) we were entertained with one of the best floor shows I had ever seen, even though there were only two girls and all they did was sing. This program consisted of music, a magician with a darn good act, and was highlighted by a young entertainer who acted as MC and featured musical instruments. His repertoire ran the gamut from playing a piano and slide trombone simultaneously, to playing first two, then three, and finally four trumpets simultaneously. His feature, however, was playing harmony on two trumpets and doing a tap dance. (Before he was finished, most of us were convinced that he had drunk the cocktails.)

Following the entertainment, the guests of honor for the evening were introduced and the assembly was addressed by Mr. Banfield, President of the Company.

The theme around which the 1947 convention was built was "Let's Go Places." It is my opinion, after hearing the many talks and dealer remarks, together with Mr. Banfield's address, that our company is today facing the greatest business potential in its history. To realize that potential, it now becomes necessary that we, the production half of this team, really roll up our sleeves and carry the ball. If we each give our best to this team and match the results of our advertising and sales departments, I am sure we will "go places" in 1947.

The company has, unquestionably, the best and most complete line of equipment, together with the best advertising campaign and sales force it has ever enjoyed. During the war when the "chips were down" the production departments of the various plants proved they were "second to none." Production records were established that we were all extremely proud of. We still have that ability and if we pitch into our job with the same enthusiasm shown at the convention, we can rest assured that Iron Fireman can't be stopped.

A popular line today is "Give me a house by the side of the road."

GIVE TO CONQUER CANCER

No one is safe from cancer! It is the second greatest cause of death; every three minutes someone in the United States dies of cancer. 17,000,000 Americans now living are doomed to die of cancer unless we do something about it.

Research is part of the answer. New and more effective methods of diagnosis and treatment are urgently needed. Doctors and laboratory technicians need special training for combating cancer.

Education of the general public so that they may recognize cancer "danger signs" is another important step. Consult a doctor immediately when any of these danger signals occur:

1. Any sore that does not heal, particularly about the tongue, mouth or lips.
2. A painless lump or thickening, especially in the breast, lip, or tongue.
3. Bloody discharge from the nipple or irregular bleeding from any of the natural body openings.
4. Progressive change in the color or size of a wart or mole.

5. Persistent indigestion.
6. Persistent hoarseness, unexplained cough, or difficulty in swallowing.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

Of the money collected in Oregon, 40% will go to the National Research Program of the American Cancer Society. The remaining 60% will be used in our own state. Part of it will be used to continue research now in progress at the University of Oregon Medical School, and to provide special courses for those treating and diagnosing cancer. Another portion will be used to carry on an educational program for the general public, a school health program, and to maintain an information center. The third portion will be used to provide service through increasing facilities to aid in the detection and treatment of cancer.

Each employee will be given a "fact folder" which should be studied carefully. Recognizing cancer signals is one of the most important phases of cancer control. Then make your contribution to help conquer cancer.



WHO THEY ARE AND



This month we are introducing something that, while it is not new, will be new to most of us. In pictures you will see some of the people, jobs and machines that keep things going around here. The "Inquiring Reporter" will ask each one the same question and then try to give a short description of that person, his work and his answer.

The question this month is, "When husband and wife each have an income, how should the money be handled?"

Please remember the opinions expressed are those of the person and not necessarily those of the reporter.

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On the right is Joan Linden who did the inquiring at Heating Control and on the left is Edith Luciana who works in the shop office. Edith is married.

Edith's answer is, "Both husband and wife should consult each other. Cooperation in the home is as essential as in business. Marriage, in which the financial is a small portion, should all be based on cooperation. I believe if this thought is carried out, the income, no matter how large or small, would be satisfactory to both."

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Al Moore came to Heating Control from Plant 1. Al works in the experimental room, is married and has one daughter who worked for Heating Control during the summer.

When the question of the month was propounded to Al, he scratched his head, cleared his throat, took a sip of water, and said, "As secretly as possible."

Others to the rear of Al (in the picture) are Walt Manning, Howard Buzzee, and Martin Polka.

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Merle Triplett of the tool room is a veteran of over 17½ years, is married and has three boys.

Merle sums it up thusly, "Pool their incomes, pay their expenses, and bank what is left (if any) in a joint account."

Fading into the distance behind Merle are Bob Wyckoff, Leo Lauer, Louis Chundelak, Ray Gates, Paul Manthe, Albert Varrin, and Herbert Romedahl.

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Bill Riehl of the screw machine department was caught right at it. (No arguments, please, about the type of machine he is operating.) Bill has been married but isn't anymore.

His statement is that, "Money should be handled jointly provided your mother-in-law can not get it."

Others in the picture are Al Gruhlke, Frankie Keller, and Tony Sprando.

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In the foreground on the left is Betty Zirschky of the assembly room. When Betty started here, it was in the machine shop. She is not married at the present time, but has grown children.

Betty's answer is, "When husband and wife each have an income, they should put the money together and shake it up. Then when the money is spent, each one should know what the money is spent for and agree. Homes are built on love and money should be handled so as to not break up the home."

Betty Stav is the other one in the picture.

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Pauline Kraft of the "Room Thermostat Line" in the assembly room is not married, but is quite willing to express her views.

"If wife and husband each have an income, it should be handled by the wife. Together they should plan a budget upon which they both agree. The question in the minds of people is why should the wife handle the money. Because she knows exactly what she needs in the home, what bills have to be paid and tries to do her best in providing for the family and their needs."

Lucile Bradley and Alma Strayer are in the background.

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If this feature appeals to you, make it a point to let some member of the staff know. If you have a suggestion for a question some future month, be sure to hand it in. You will receive honorable mention.

WHAT THEY SAY

The camera man slipped up on Elver Unis and Wes Richardson at the dispatch and timekeeping headquarters rather suddenly, so they were un-awares. Since it is a poor likeness of Elver, we skipped him and will only interview Wes.

Wes states, "I have been at Iron Fireman almost six years doing timekeeping, clerical work and magnetic inspection, oil burner assembly, painting, and then back to timekeeping and dispatch. I am married and we have two boys, one 2½ years old and one 9 months old."

For the question, "Both incomes should be handled as one income unless one of the incomes is to be set aside for a special purpose such as buying a house or a car. Either one should handle the money as it is needed. Any extra should be saved in a joint account available to either one."

Louis Weinberg is shown at his work in the tool room. Louis has worked in many jobs around the shop in the past 15 years plus that he has been here. He received his 15 year pin at the last Pioneer Banquet.

While Louis is and always has been a bachelor, he gave the question some thought and came up with some ideas on the matter, as follows:

"It depends on the amount of income of the individuals. If the two incomes are equal, each should buy his own clothes, luxuries, etc. On necessities, go half and half, meaning all ordinary expenses of the home. Each should have an individual bank account, and each should make his own contributions to charitable organizations. On all this it would not be necessary for either to render an accounting to the other."

Frank Pearsall, who started at Iron Fireman 6½ years ago, spent most of his time until the past year either grinding tools or as a tool crib attendant. Here he is shown at his present job of broach operator. However it is a common sight to see him on any of several machines in that department.

The Pearsalls now have a young daughter but before that Mrs. Pearsall did work, and Frank says, "I let my wife handle it all when we did have two incomes. It seems natural for the woman to do most of the spending." (Reporter's note: Frank and I ride in the same car and it seems his wife is trusting him more lately. For the past two or three weeks she has let him bring the check all the way home instead of meeting him at the car two blocks away.)

Rudy Olsen is another married man with one daughter. He is shown here at his work in the sheet metal department where he has been for the whole 2½ years of his association with Iron Fireman. Rudy's opinion is that if both have an income, "Both should handle it as one income. Put most of the additional away for savings, a debt, or a home."

Al Shankland worked the first half of his 20 years with the multi-cuts, gear machines, turret lathes and quite a few of the other machines. The past ten years have been almost exclusively in inspection. Al is our third man with one daughter in the family.

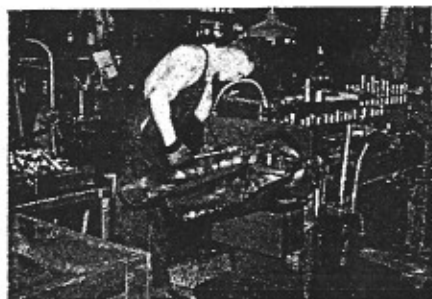
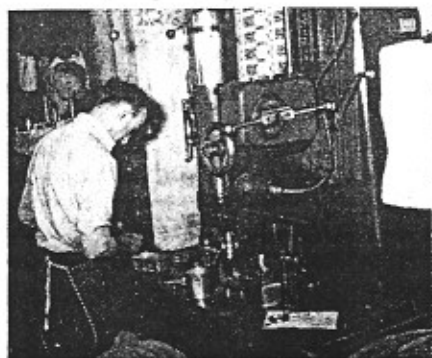
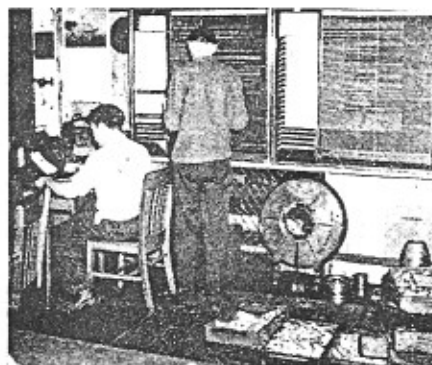
Al says, "My wife has always made the home her job; but in a case where there are two incomes, I believe both should handle any income as partners. With two incomes, a good share of it should be saved."

Dick Walker, our new man in the personnel office, (replacing Chet Banta) is married but has no children. He hopes to run his six weeks of time up to a period of years in due course of time.

Dick states, "It seems to me the couple should pool the total earnings, take mutual responsibility in budgeting their expenditures, and together enjoy the results of their spending and saving."

Maxine Rodabaugh came to Iron Fireman six months ago to become Personnel secretary, just one week after her wedding.

Maxine says, "They should live within the husband's income. The wife's earnings should be set aside for savings, purchase of a home, or for other special projects. We keep out enough to pay current expenses and put the balance into a joint checking account."





STRICTLY PERSONAL



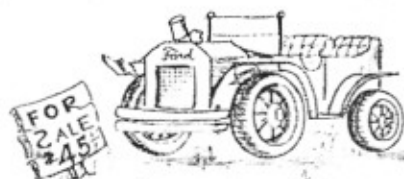
Our reporter is all confused on this one. It seems **Bordy Salerno** has made arrangements to go to Mt. Hood on the 27th in company with a very attractive young lady and some skis. It wasn't clear whether **Bordy** was taking the girl, or vice versa. Whether he was to be teacher or pupil. It seems he is looking forward to this, but is a little afraid too. Is it the skis or the girl, **Bordy**?

Herb Taylor is strictly no prospect for a geneologist. He is afraid a diagram of his family tree might show a "hossthief" hanging from some branch of it. Youngsters are known for their tendency to bring home dogs, cats, toads and other prospective pets. However **Herb's** young son **David** has bigger ideas. It seems **David** spied a nice animal roaming loose and was chasing down the road trying to catch it, when a neighbor came to the rescue and helped get a rope on it, with which he brought it home. A couple of days later a man came around and paid \$1.00 for the ransom of one "large economy size" mule.

Mildred Smith was all decked out for Easter with a new tooth, a lovely biscupid.

Gone to Dog-Heaven is **Cora Moore's** faithful little coker pup.

Margaret Saunders, in Order and Billing, left this month to await the arrival of the stork.



If you need a car and can't afford one at present prices you might ask **Gordon Waterworth** to buy one for you. One of our reporters has it on good authority that **Gordon** bought that Model A Tudor he is driving recently for \$45.00. Six good tires, too. A common price in the papers is \$300.00.



Our Vitalistics column seems to be doing a fine business in engagements and marriages. Sure enough, it is that time of year when a young man's fancy lightly turns. Also his head. However there is one sweetheart we don't want to forget. Mother's day will soon be here. Let's do better than all going to Mother's and letting her spend hours getting us a big meal and afterwards bid her a fond farewell just before she goes back to the kitchen and faces a mountain of dishes to wash.



VITALISTICS

STORK CLUB:

- To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harms, Mills, Plant 1, a son, John Nolen, 8 lb. 9 oz., April 8.
- To Mr. and Mrs. George Laing, Plant 1, Drills, a son, Donald Alan, 9 lb. 2oz., April 16.

ENGAGEMENTS:

- Edna Jackson, Heating Control, to Bob Denman, formerly of Heating Control.
- Alma Strayer, Heating Control, to William Keyes.
- Tom Cleland, Assembly, Plant 1, to Lillie Smith.
- Norma Norris, Order and Billing, to Dewey Mellema.

WEDDING BELLS:

- Les Tallman, Tool Room, Plant 1, to Katharine Platt, April 6.
- Dixie Dixon, Assembly, Heating Control, to John Dolby, Machine Shop, Heating Control, April 6.
- Robert Malsom, Drills, Plant 1 to Kathryn Nolte, April 12.
- Lewis Bailey, Assembly, Plant 1, to Catherine Compton, April 18.

Roy Englund didn't feel so sharp all day April 15, and a few hours after work he underwent an emergency appendectomy. **Roy's** many friends are pulling for his prompt recovery and return.

Dott Zanotto had a tonsil out this month. Hope it won't damage her tenor cowboy voice, and that she will still be able to bring tears to our eyes as she sings "Born to Lose."

Mr. Howard had his (?) birthday on April 9th, and his department surprised him with a nice cake. They enjoyed it too.

Evelyn Elkins' case of lunch-time coffee nerves had been steadily developing—and even became contagious. During the crisis of this strange affliction, she dropped her thermos once too often and now we are able to relax during lunch.

Say **Jeanette Lux**, why is it your car always happens to fail you whenever there is a nice young fellow near by to help you out? Is it purely accidental or do you have it trained?

Songbird Phyllis Johnson, member of the quartet "Swingsters" sang for the Greater Portland Management Club conference. Some of our nasal tenors such as **Lunda, Bixel, and Soule** would enjoy a little close harmony.

Hugh Russell knows it takes more than a lunch to get a new Chevrolet.

Synonym for **Elenore Anderson** — Book-Mobile.

Esther Hensel has been seeing a lot of **Charles Korvin** the Hollywood actor, lately. 'Nuther reason why skiing is such fun!!

Hey, **Cora!** How do you rate a **Camelia** in your lapel from "Smiley Boy?"

One of our underhanded—er, no,—undercover agents reports that one of **Shorty Hodson's** neighbors had a calf added to their stock recently and ter one look at its size and featu named it "Shorty." Reports are that our "Shorty" is most unappreciative of the thought.